

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-7, 16, 18 and 21-31 will be pending in this application. Claims 25-31 are new. Claims 8-15, 17, 19 and 20 are hereby canceled. Applicants submit that no new matter is added by the present amendment.

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,795,071 ("Tracey"). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Interview Summary

Applicants' undersigned representative, Mr. Eiferman, and Examiner Mark Radtke participated in a telephonic interview on April 3, 2007 to discuss the present claim amendments. Examiners Mark Radtke and Jeffrey Gaffin agreed to reevaluate the rejections in light of the present claim amendments.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Tracey. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Independent claims 1, 16 and 25 recite an application entity that is matched to a context entity, which is a single entity derived from related service entities. Each related service entity corresponds to a different business process. Each of the different business processes has a plurality of pre-defined states. Examples of such different business processes are shown in Figs. 3a and 3b of the application. Fig. 3a shows a credit history process 300a with pre-defined states 302a-310a. Fig. 3b shows a down payment process 300b with pre-defined states 302b-310b. For example, John Smith can simultaneously be at state 304a in the credit history process and state 310b of the down payment process.

After the application entity is matched to the context entity, the application determines a state of each service entity within its corresponding different business process. The application also determines dynamic actions available on each service entity within its corresponding different business process. The available dynamic actions include an indication of whether a state change is available on each service entity within its corresponding different business process. The application then generates a display of the

state of each service entity within its corresponding different business process and the available dynamic actions.

Tracey does not teach or suggest a plurality of different business processes each with a plurality of pre-defined states. Moreover, Tracey does not teach or suggest displaying the state of related service entities in a plurality of different business processes and an indication of whether or not a state change is available in each of the plurality of different business processes.

Accordingly, Tracey does not teach or suggest the following features of independent claims 1 and 25 (or similar features from independent claim 16):

- determining a state of each service entity within its corresponding different business process, each of the different business processes having a plurality of pre-defined states;
- determining dynamic actions available on the related service entities, the available dynamic actions comprising an indication of whether a state change is available on each service entity within its corresponding different business process; and
- generating a display of the state of each service entity within its corresponding different business process and the available dynamic actions.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 16 and 25 are not anticipated by Tracey. Applicants further submit that claims 2-7, 18, 21-24 and 26-31 are patentable at least by reason of their dependency. Claims 8-15, 17, 19 and 20 are hereby canceled. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejections are respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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